

HADLEY CEMETERY PROJECT  
FINAL REPORT  
September 1999







## *Hadley Historical Commission*

HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

Settled in 1659

September 28, 1999

Ms. Katharine Lacy  
Department of Environmental Management, OHR  
100 Cambridge Street, Room 1404  
Boston, MA 02202

Dear Ms. Lacy:

Attached are two copies of the Final Report for HADLEY'S  
HISTORICAL CEMETERIES PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION PROJECT.

The report includes a brief narrative, a final project budget, a  
copy of the cemeteries' maintenance plan, a listing of the  
further results of the Project, some photographs and an appendix  
of related materials.

The documentation of Project spending already was submitted by  
Ms. Robin Crosbie, Municipal Project Manager, and Town  
Administrator.

The Hadley Historical Commission appreciates the opportunity to  
work with your department on this Project. We were very pleased  
with the final results.

Sincerely yours,

*Margaret Tudryn*

Margaret Tudryn

*George E. Urch*

George E. Urch

cc: Robin Crosbie





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September, 1999

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORIC LANDSCAPE PRESERVATION  
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BARRETT'S HISTORICAL CHURCH  
PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION PROJECT

Barrett's Church  
George E. Smith  
Barre, VT 05642  
September, 1992

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## BRIEF NARRATIVE

During March, 1997, a severe ice storm caused huge limbs from large trees to knock down and, in some cases, destroy gravestones in the two historic cemeteries located in Hadley and North Hadley. The storm also left some limbs partially broken and in danger of falling.

The two cemeteries have national, state and local significance. Both are located in areas included in the National Register of Historic Places. The Town of Hadley was settled in 1659 and grave markers date from 1675. Hadley recently issued its 339th Annual Report.

The cemeteries are consistently visited by ancestors of those interned and by historians as well as students of local and state history from the four colleges and the University of Massachusetts located a short distance from Hadley in the historic Pioneer Valley.

The town's Historical Commission submitted a proposal to the Department of Environmental Management for a grant from the Historic Landscape Preservation Program in order to apply those measures necessary to repair, preserve and sustain the two cemeteries. The proposal asked for \$50,000 on a matching basis. The Commission was pleased when the proposal was funded.

The Project unfolded in three phases, which constituted the THREE PRIMARY GOALS.

Phase One (Goal One) developed a documentation plan that mapped both cemeteries to determine those gravestones damaged in the ice storm that needed to be repaired and restored. The plan also included an inventory of trees in both cemeteries to determine those that needed to be pruned or replaced.

Phase Two (Goal Two) implemented the documentation plan. Trees were pruned and replaced. Gravestones were repaired and restored. The cemeteries were mapped, gravestones recorded and individual photographs of each stone taken.

Phase Three (Goal Three) discussed the development of a preservation maintenance plan the town is undertaking to ensure the continuation of the Project in ensuing years.





## PHASE ONE - DOCUMENTATION PLAN, INVENTORY OF TREES

The Historical Commission appointed a Cemetery Advisory Committee to assist in the planning and implementation of the Project. Membership included members of the Historical Commission, the Chair of the town's Shade Tree Committee, a member of the Highway and Water Department, and an active member of the National Association for Gravestone Studies. The Committee met on a regular basis throughout the Project. At an early meeting the public was invited in order to solicit commentary from the citizens of the community and to gather additional support.

The Project began with the engagement of a professional land surveyor who mapped the Old Hadley Cemetery. The 1936 flood devastated the cemetery. Stones were knocked over and destroyed and an enormous amount of silt deposited. Stones were replaced in a haphazard fashion. Lacking was a map of the old section. Since 1940, flooding has not been a problem. The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers built a series of dams on the Connecticut River and a dike was built on the Hadley side.

In addition the town's Shade Tree Committee mapped each tree in both cemeteries and recommended the pruning and tree removal that was necessary (see appendices). One of the members of the Committee is a certified arborist. Most of the trees to be removed were non-native to the area. The roots were to be left intact. Trees removed were to be replaced with native varieties. Additional trees were to be added. Stakes were placed where trees were to be planted. In the Old Cemetery trees recommended were: 1 white oak; 3 red oak; 3 sugar maple; and 5 red maple. In the North Hadley Cemetery trees recommended were: 1 white oak; 1 red oak; 2 sugar maple; and 3 red maple.

A tree and landscaping company was hired to prune and remove trees following the guidelines of the Shade Tree Committee.





## PHASE TWO - IMPLEMENTATION OF DOCUMENTATION PLAN

### A. Trees

During the winter months trees marked by the Shade Tree Committee were pruned and removed. In the spring new trees were planted at the places already marked. Some trees were planted in different locations because of gravestone locations discovered through mapping.

### B. Mapping

The last available map of the Old Cemetery was dated 1909. In preparing the new map old photographs and notes taken after the 1936 flood were used as well as field notes from 1934 and 1970. The new map was completed by early spring. Two copies of the map were placed on disks.

### C. Data Recording and Photographs

Each gravestone was recorded and an individual photograph taken. In the Old Cemetery there were 748 gravestones including 123 foot stones and sixteen markers. Two sets of six volumes of gravestone recordings, with photographs, were prepared. There is an introduction for each set that describes the methodology researchers should understand to enhance the use of the recorded gravestones.

A Surname Index, Index by Map Location Number, and an Index by Last Name of Deceased was included. Data from eighteen missing stones, based on Walter B. Corbin's 1934 recording, was also included. One set of the six volumes was placed in the Town Clerk's Office, where all cemetery recordings are kept: and a second set was given to the town's Historical Society.

### D. Gravestone Replacement and Repair

Repairing, replacing, cleaning and resetting gravestones was labor intensive. The Gravestone Preservation Primer by Lynette Strangstad was the written source used to conserve gravestones in the Old Hadley and North Hadley Cemeteries. The book was written for the Association for Gravestone Studies and published initially by the Association for State and Local History. All material used and application practices were designed to be stone and user friendly. As an example fresh water and plastic bristle brushes were used to remove ambient soiling, lichens and moss. Leaning stones were reset by careful excavation and backfilling with mixtures of sand and pea gravel to improve drainage about the stone and to provide stability. New, slotted bases were cast from stones where failure of the original base caused the stone to topple or lean more than 15 degrees. These concrete bases were set just below the surface to avoid impacting the artistry of the stone.





For broken stones, modern epoxies formulated for specific stone types were used. In some instances blind pinning using fiberglass rod for the pins was used to strengthen the repaired joint. Many gravestones were very heavy, weighing about 185 pounds per cubic foot. A lifting device with nylon straps was employed in the resetting operation.

Some gravestones had to be replaced. The oldest stone crafted of sandstone for Rev. Isaac Chauncey, the second minister in Hadley who died in 1745, was totally destroyed by a fallen tree. A "photo ceramic" rendition of the original gravestone was prepared by Oak Park Ceramic Co, Chicago. Illinois, a leader in this process.

#### E. Fence Replacement, Road Repair

The fence that protects the perimeter and boundaries of the Old Hadley Cemetery was replaced on the east end and some repairs on the west end. The road through the middle of the Old Cemetery was filled in with gravel so that vehicles could use it.





HADLEY CEMETERY PROJECT  
FINAL PROJECT BUDGET

Project Expense	HLP G Share	Municipal Share	Other State Share	Other	Total
Trees	6703.76	5267.24	--	--	11,971.00
Gravestone Documentation	6322.40	4967.60	--	--	11,290.00
Repair and Restoration	2127.31	1671.45	--	--	3798.76
Fence Replacement	12,320.00	9680.00	--	--	22,000.00
Road Repair	519.18	407.93	--	--	927.11
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	27,992.65	21,994.22	--	--	49,986.87
INITIAL BALANCE	28,000.00	22,000.00	--	--	50,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	27,992.65	21,944.22	--	--	49,986.87



EXPENDITURES

TREES

Shumway and Sons	\$11,135.00
Pruning, removal, cable trees	
The Brickman Group	836.00
19 new Maple trees	
	<u>\$11,971.00</u>

GRAVESTONE DOCUMENTATION

Killam Associates	\$ 1850.00
Engineering Services -survey	
Robert Drinkwater	2040.00
Photographing 720 gravestones, film, processing	
Rosalee F. Oakley	7400.00
Data recording project	
	<u>\$11,290.00</u>

REPAIR AND RESTORATION

W. Fred Oakley, Jr.	\$ 188.76
Misc. costs -cleaning materials, photographs, binders, sheet protectors	
Amherst Farmers Supply, Inc.	120.00
Materials for cleaning	
J.A. Dedouch Co.	300.00
Copy -tombstone	
Dorsey Memorials	3190.00
Restoration pieces	
	<u>\$ 3798.76</u>

REPLACEMENT OF FENCE

R.A.B. Construction	\$22,000.00
finish and install new fence on east side of Old Hadley Cemetery	

\$22,000.00

REPAIR OF ROAD

Warner Brothers	\$ 927.11
.3/4 " crushed gravel	

\$ 927.11

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$49,986.87





### PHASE THREE - MAINTENANCE PLAN

As a result of the Project, the town of Hadley organized a more permanent and active Cemetery Committee. Membership includes:

Robin Crosbie, Town Administrator  
Michael Klimoski, Town Highway Department  
Gus O'Grady, Town Highway Department  
Michael DiCola, Historical Commission  
Stanley Lesko, Commissioner of Old Hadley Cemetery  
Wallace Hibbard, Commissioner of North Hadley Cemetery  
Gary Berg, Commissioner of Russellville Cemetery  
Dennis Pipczynski, Commissioner of Plainville Cemetery  
Elizabeth Harrop, Commissioner of Hockanum Cemetery

The Cemetery Committee already has had several meetings and taken some initial action. They put into place a slight price increase for cemetery plots and perpetual care in order to increase the funds available for maintenance. The Committee also made contact with surrounding towns to determine the kind of rules and regulations they have to help maintain their cemeteries.

As part of the Maintenance Plan, new rules and regulations have been adopted for all cemeteries. An abbreviated version will be posted at the cemeteries with the complete text available in the Town Clerk's office.

Copies of these are included on the following pages.





## HADLEY CEMETERIES MAINTENANCE PLAN

1. The Commissioner of each cemetery is responsible for:

- a. weekly lawn mowing
- b. shrub trimming
- c. leaf raking and pickup
- d. trash recovery
- e. gravesite maintenance.

2. The Cemetery Committee is responsible for:

- a. an annual review each spring to include:
  - 1. tree inspection
  - 2. shrub inspection for removal if needed
  - 3. gravestone inspection
  - 4. fence inspection.

Reports will be submitted to the Cemetery Committee which will review them and oversee any work that is needed. The Town Highway Department will be the main source of this labor.



# **Hadley Historical Commission**

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Middle Street ~ Town Hall ~ Hadley, Mass. 01035 ~ USA  
Cemetery Rules.

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September 22, 1999

## **Cemetery Rules.**

### **HOURS.**

All Hadley Town Cemeteries will be open to the public during daylight hours only. If vandalism reports occur, gates will be closed at dusk and opened at dawn.

### **FLAGS.**

Only flags related to Military service are to be displayed. American military flags that will be allowed include but are not limited to, are the American Revolution, The War of 1812, The Civil War, WW1, WW2, The Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Placing of flags must be approved by the Hadley Historical Commission and/or the Director of Veteran Services.

### **PLANTINGS.**

Plastic plants and flowers are to be displayed only during the winter months from October 1 through April 1. Live plants are to be planted within plot boundaries. In accordance with past protocol, there are to be no trees or shrubs planted at all. Any existing plants or shrubs that extend beyond plot lines will be removed as needed. Any present plants that extend above the existing gravestones are to be trimmed or removed as needed. Funeral designs and floral displays will be removed as soon as they become unsightly. Only one memorial planter or box will be allowed per site.

### **GRAVE MARKERS.**

Only one monument is allowed per lot. All markers shall have a base and the marker shall not exceed 3 feet in length and 1 foot in width. All monuments and markers must rest upon a foundation of cement. The inscription shall be cut into the marker rather than raised. The removal or replacement of any markers must be approved by the Hadley Historical Commission. Memorial or commemorative markers must be approved by the Hadley Historical Commission.

### **GATE CLOSINGS.**

All gates at the Old Hadley cemetery will be closed and locked on November 15, or sooner if snow falls. These gates will be reopened on April 1. There will be no snow plowing in any of the town cemeteries due to the proximity of the grave stones and gravesites to the pathways and driveways. There will also be no snowplowing during the winter months because of the fact that the road beds are of grass and/or gravel only.

### **OTHER ITEMS.**

There are no Metal detectors allowed. No pets allowed. There shall be no food packages, drink containers, toys, flags, balloons or other memorabilia left at gravesites. Other inappropriate items will be removed by the town. Gravestone rubbings are not allowed. No children under the age of 14 allowed without a parent. No Loitering. No picnicking allowed on table markers.

These rules apply to the following town cemeteries.

The Old Hadley Cemetery, The North Hadley Cemetery, Plainville Cemetery, Russellville Cemetery and Hockanum Cemetery.





## **Hadley Historical Commission**

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Middle Street ~ Town Hall ~ Hadley, Mass. 01035 ~ USA  
Cemetery Signage

September 22, 1999

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**NO METAL DETECTORS ALLOWED. NO PETS ALLOWED.**

**NO FOOD, DRINKS, TOYS OR OTHER MEMORIBILIA TO BE LEFT AT GRAVESITES.**

A complete set of Cemetery rules and regulations are available at The Hadley Town Hall.





## FINAL PRODUCT; FURTHER RESULTS

Beyond the three phases of the Project several other positive results have occurred. Among these are:

- Two sets of six volumes of gravestone recordings, with photographs, were prepared. The introduction for each set includes a cemetery map. One set is in the office of the Town Clerk and the other is with the town's Historical Society.
- A new Town Cemetery Committee was constituted to ensure continuous maintenance of all town cemeteries.
- The Highway and Water Department is repairing the road in front of the Old Hadley Cemetery to prevent vibrations that effected the gravestones.
- Signage will be placed at all five cemeteries to identify the cemetery and list the rules and regulations.
- Rules and Regulations for the use of the Town's cemeteries were developed by the new Cemetery Committee.
- The town's Veteran Agent will place solid brass markers and flag holders by those veterans that participated in military action.
- The Historical Society organized a tour of the Old Hadley Cemetery that was attended by interested citizens. Over thirty people came. The tour was led by Mr. and Mrs. W. Fred Oakley, Jr.
- The Hampshire Gazette printed an article on the Cemetery Project and the tour that took place.
- The Historical Commission awarded "Certificates of Appreciation" to those citizens that gave freely of their time and skills to help make the Cemetery project so successful.



## APPENDIX

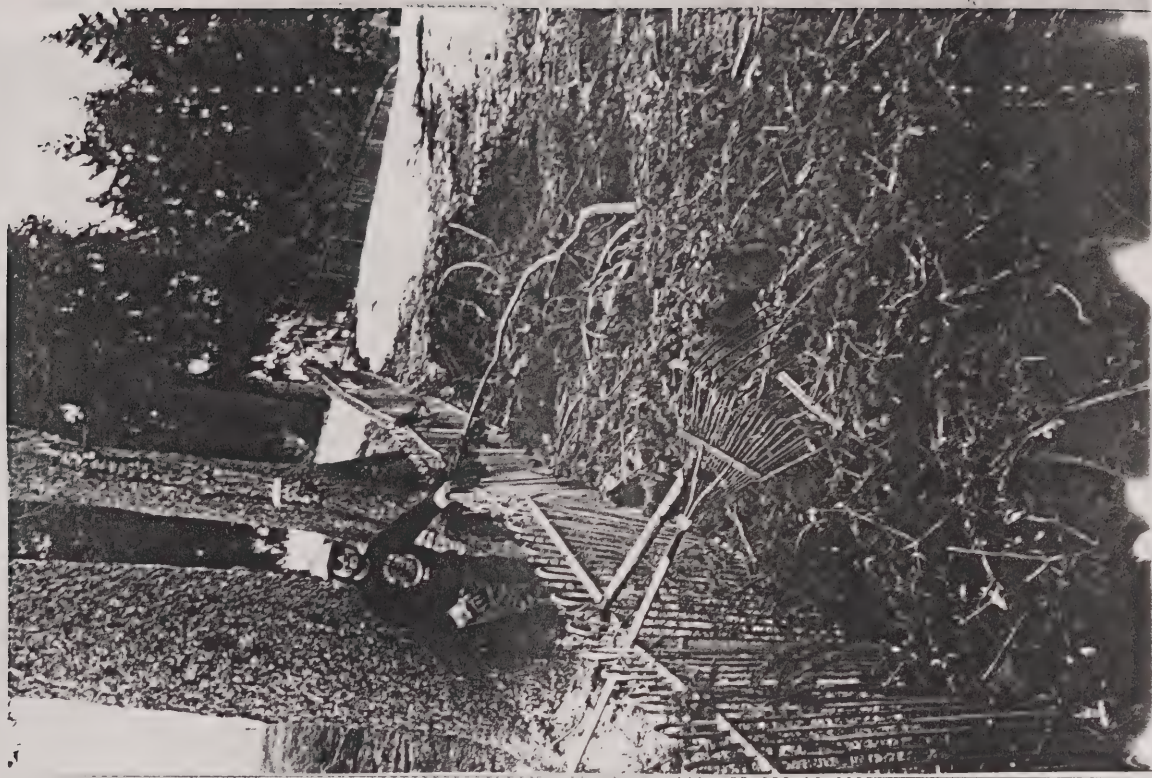




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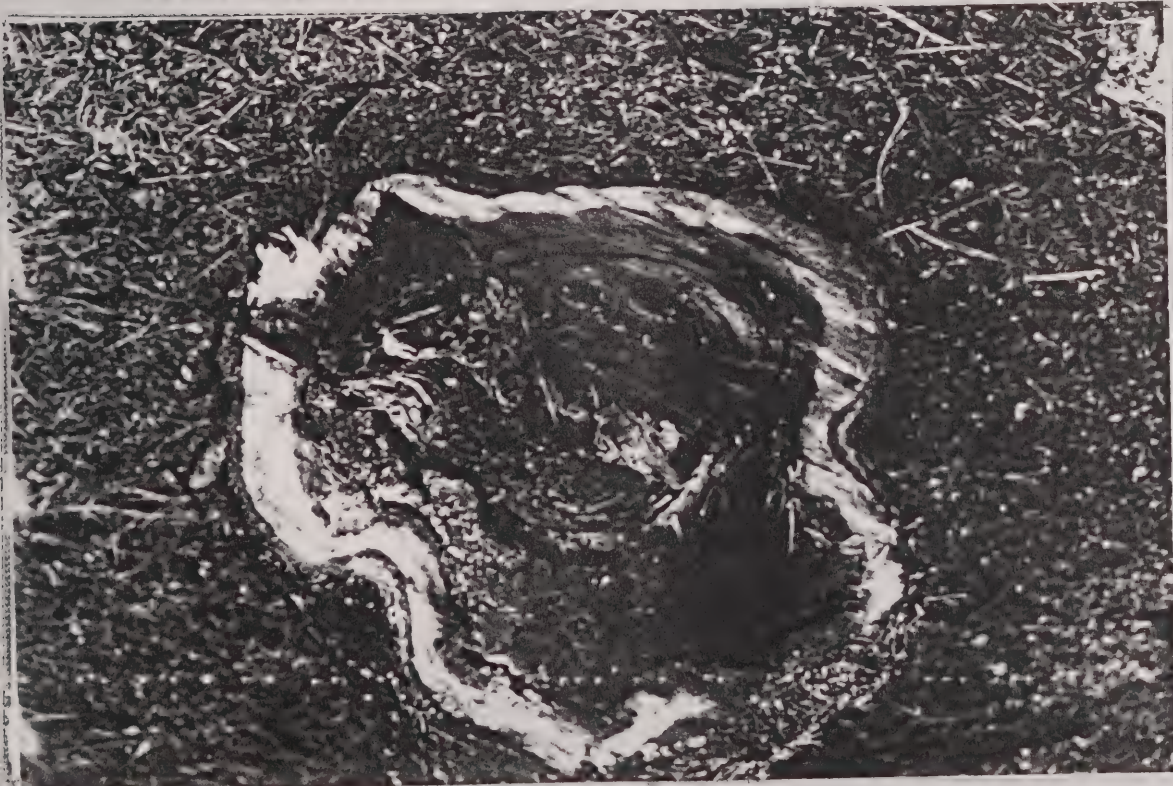
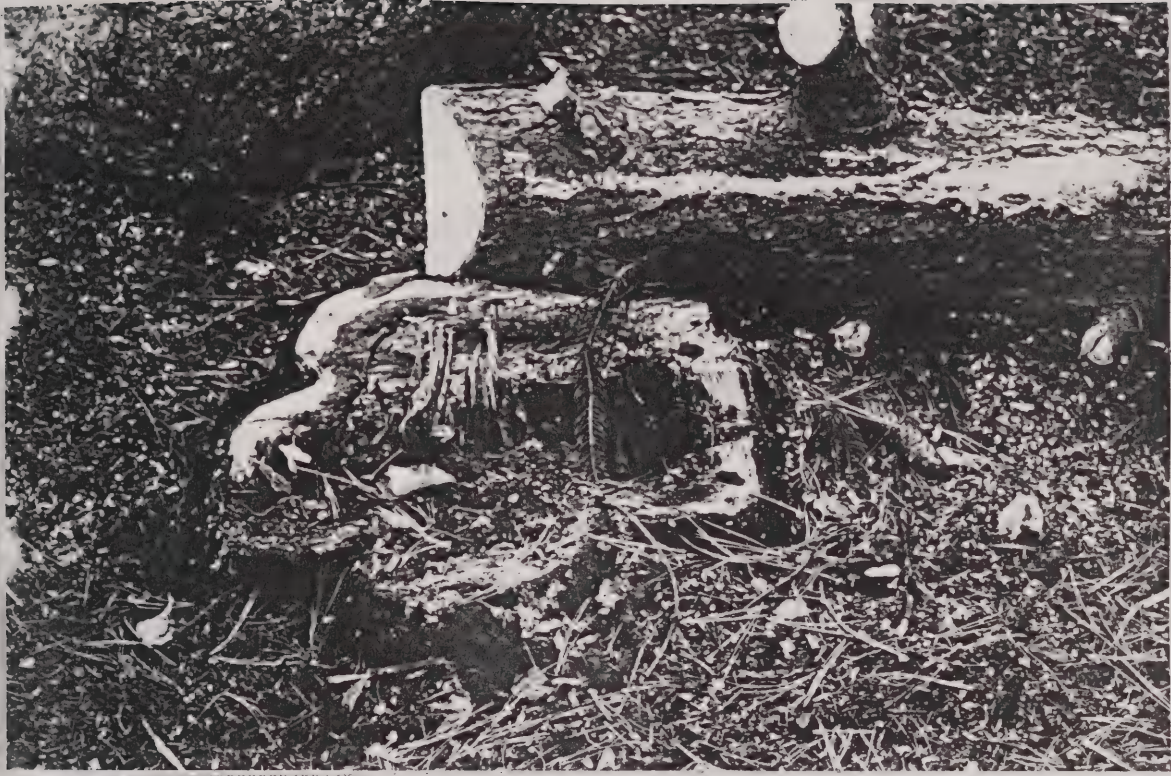
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#### MAPPING, DATA RECORDING

A new and more accurate map was derived from surveying the older part of the Old Hadley Cemetery and the data recording resulted in the two 6-volume sets located in the Town Clerk's Office and with the Hadley Historical Society.



## DATA RECORDING AND PHOTOGRAPHS

A final product of the Hadley Cemetery Project (previously described) is two sets of six-volume gravestone data with each state accompanied by an Index. One set is in the office of the Town Clerk of Hadley and a second set is in the headquarters of the Hadley Historical Society. The Town Clerk also has a copy of the new map of the Old Hadley Cemetery which can be used for reference when a gravestone is located in one of the volumens.

DATA RECORDING includes the following:

### INDEXES

- Surname Index
- Last Name Index
- Map Location Index
- Data from Missing Stones

### VOLUMES

- Arranged alphabetically these contain data of over 720 gravestones located in the old part of the Hadley Cemetery.
- A sample page follows this page.





# Old Hadley Cemetery, Cemetery Road, Hadley, Massachusetts

Map Location

#Graves on Stone

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Last Name

First Name

Title

Maiden Name

Alexander

Nathaniel

Lt.

Relationship

Birth Date

Death Date

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Death Location/Cause

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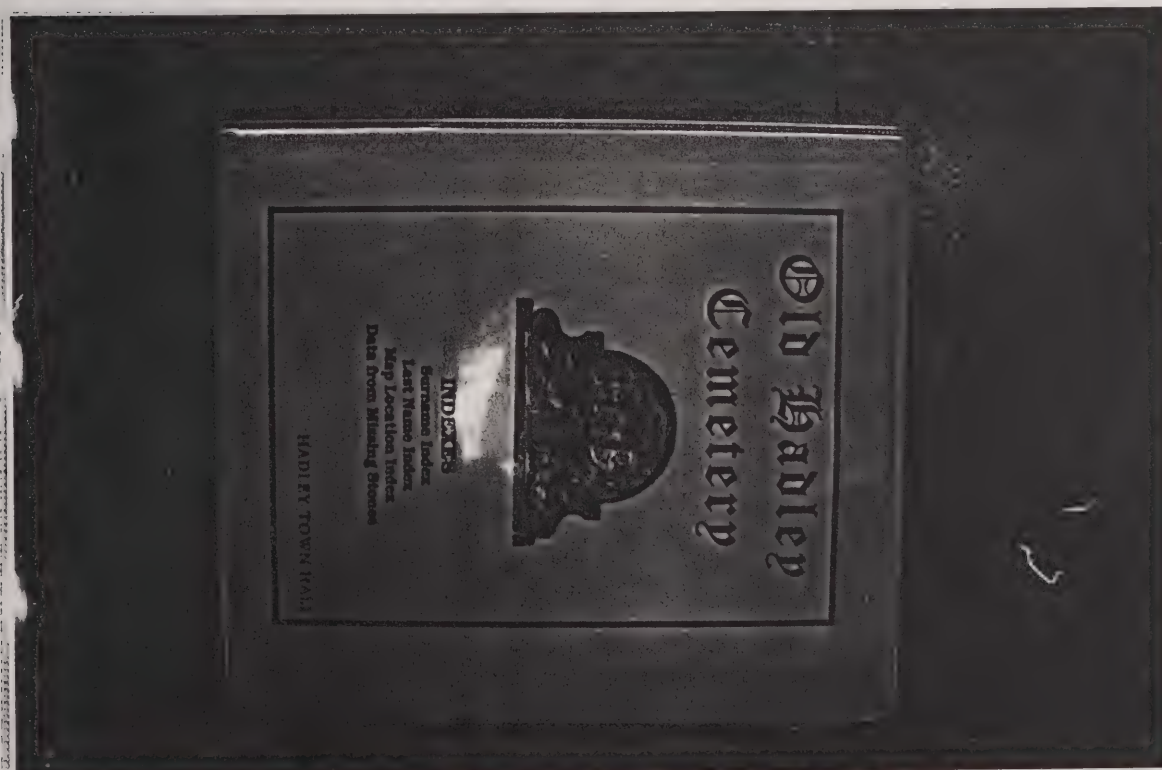
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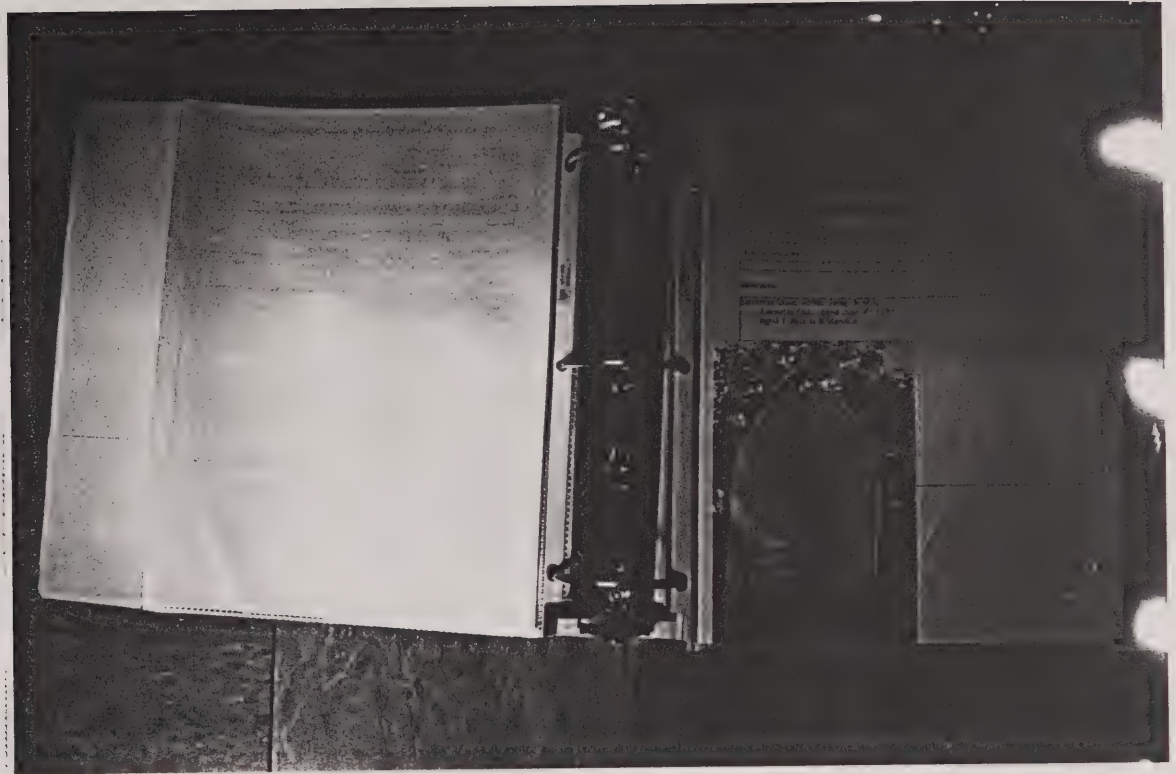












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## OLD HADLEY CEMETERY



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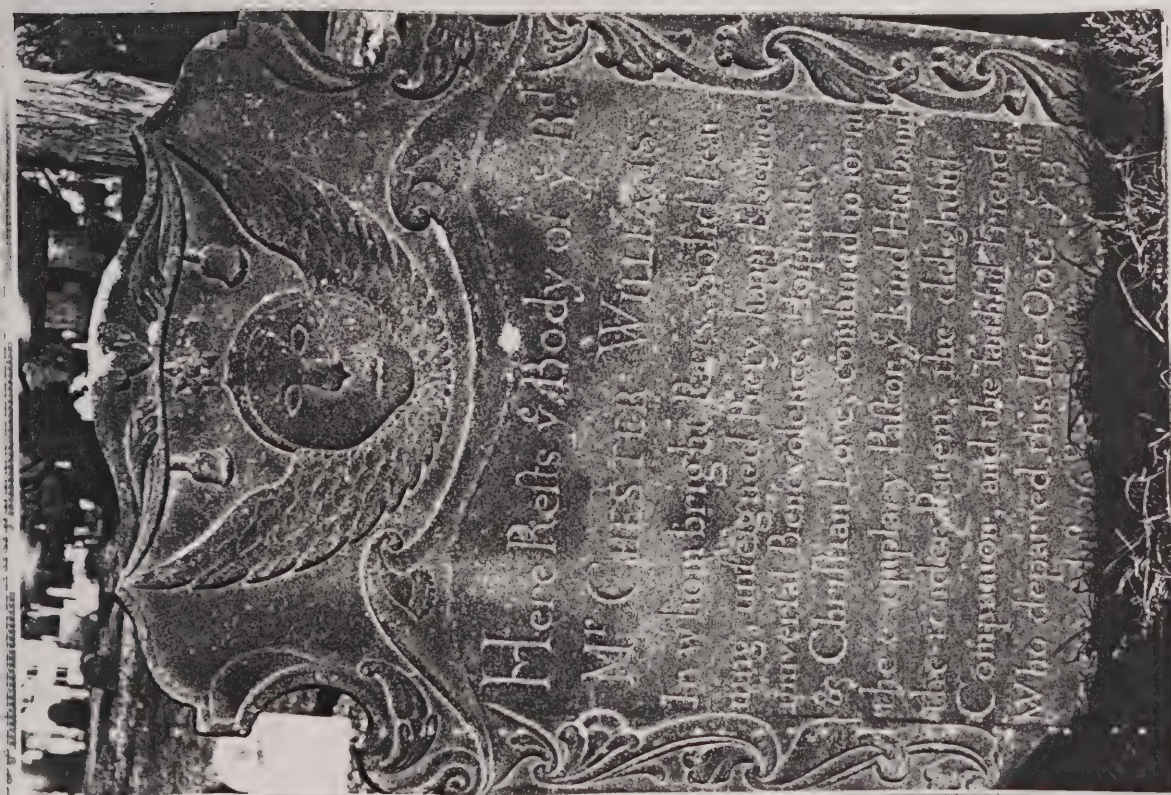




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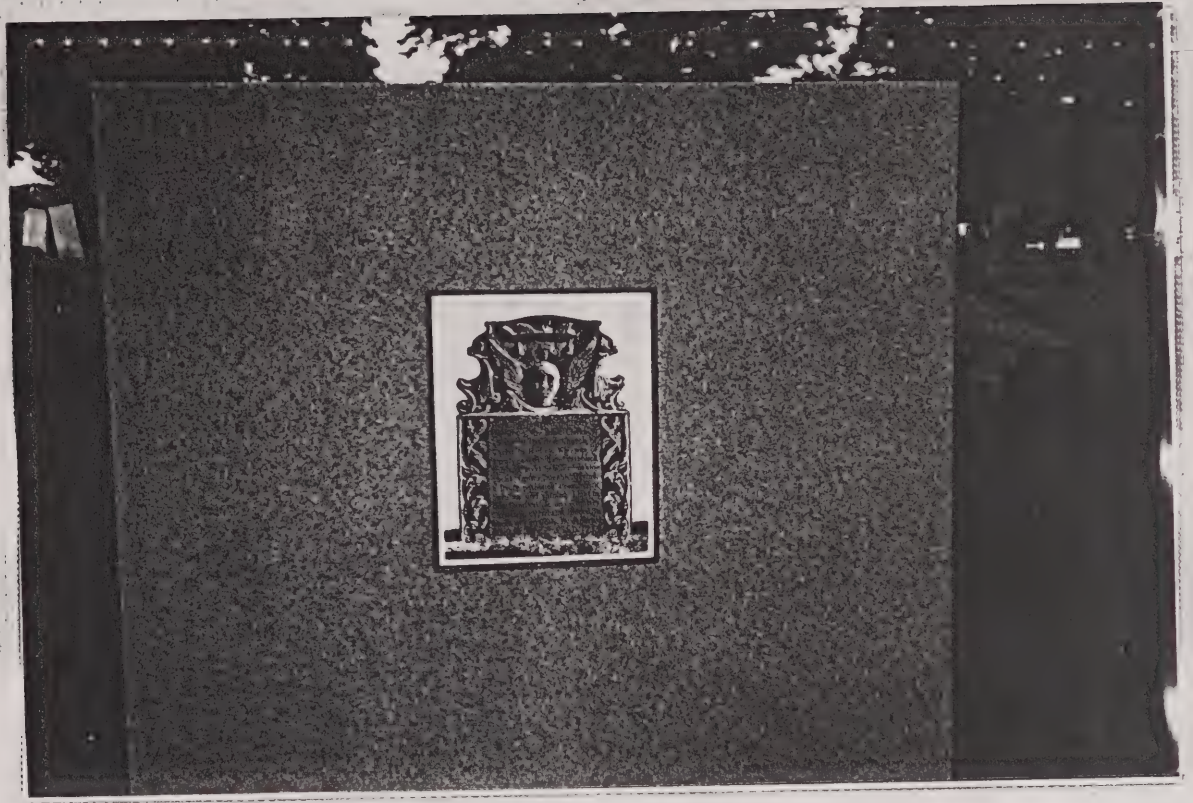
Cleaning, restoration, replacement











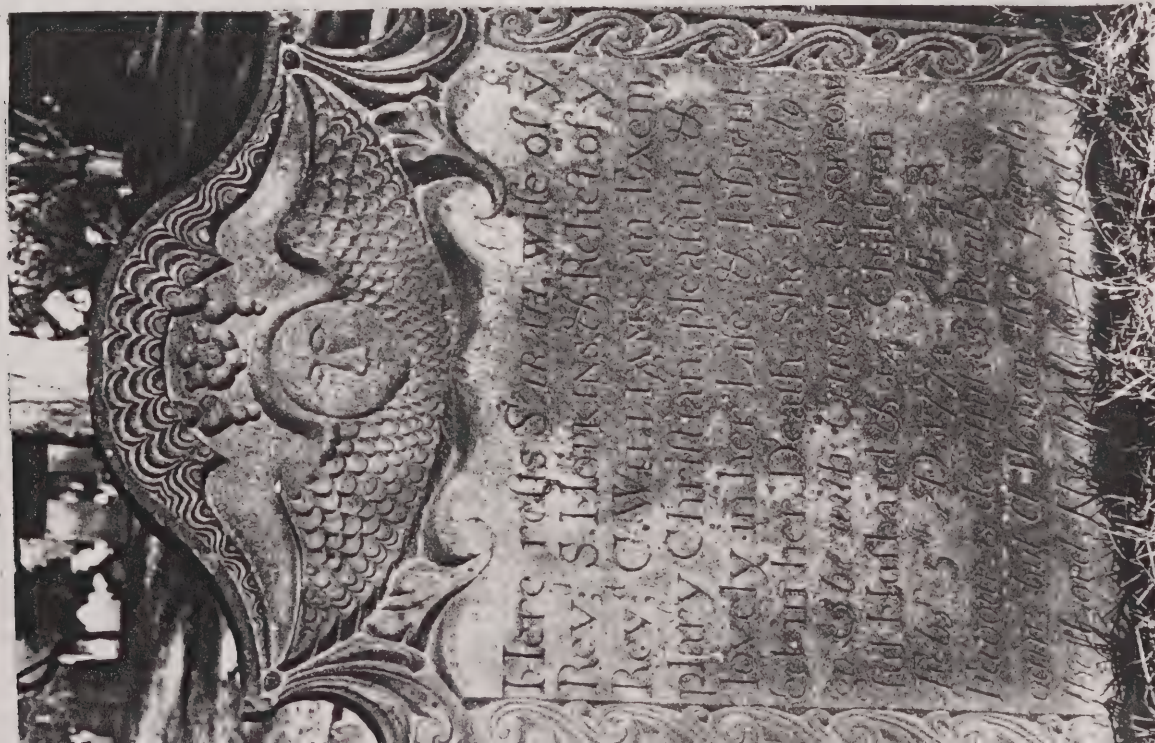
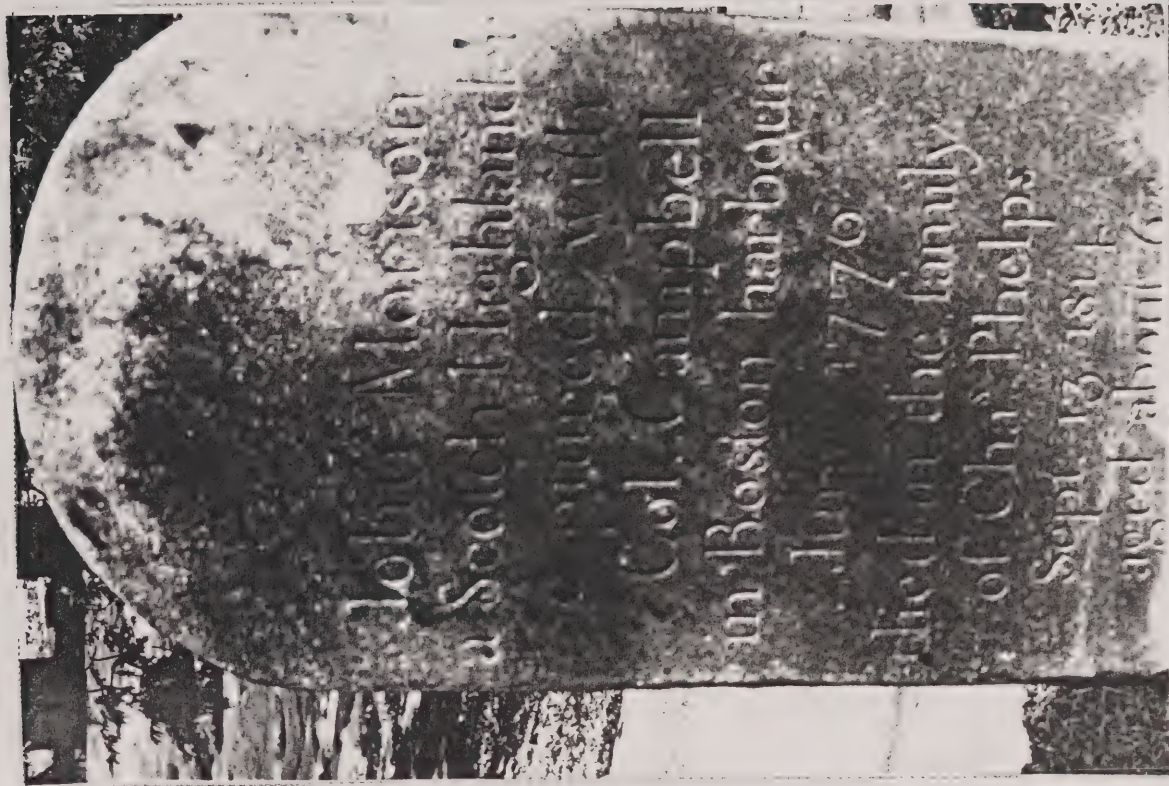














REPAIR OF FENCE

Replacement of fence on east side of  
cemetery.

Before and after pictures.







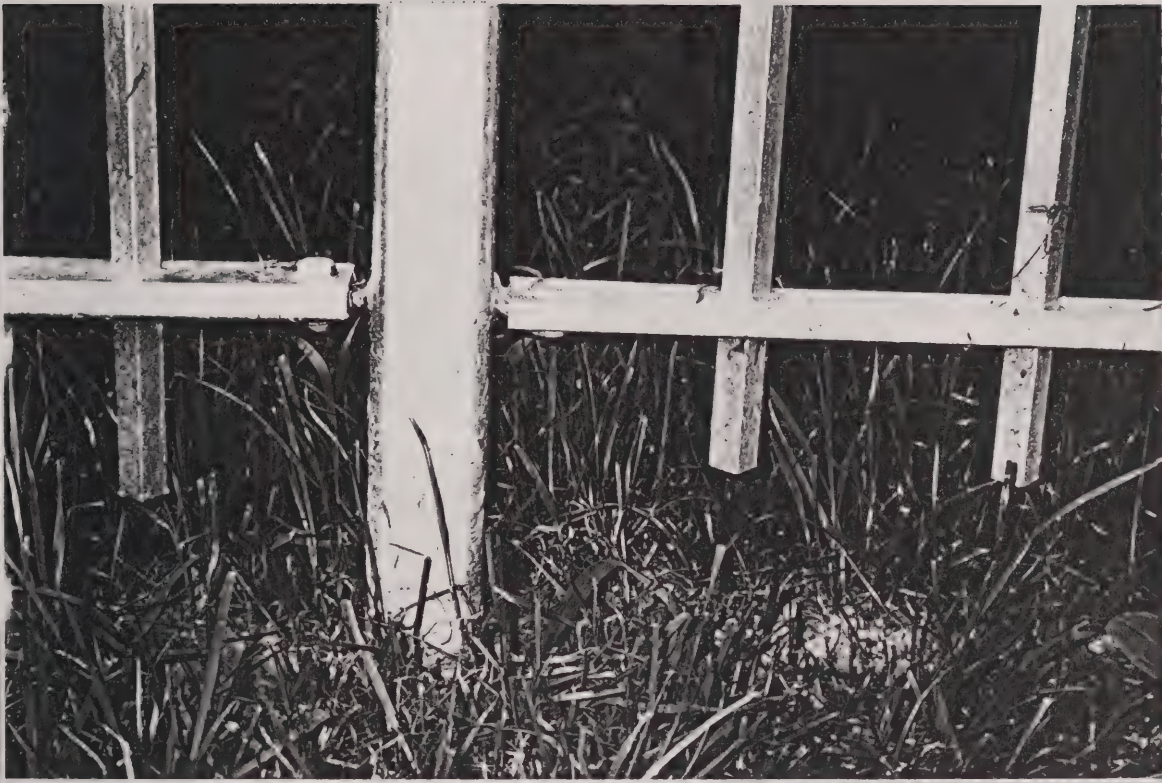






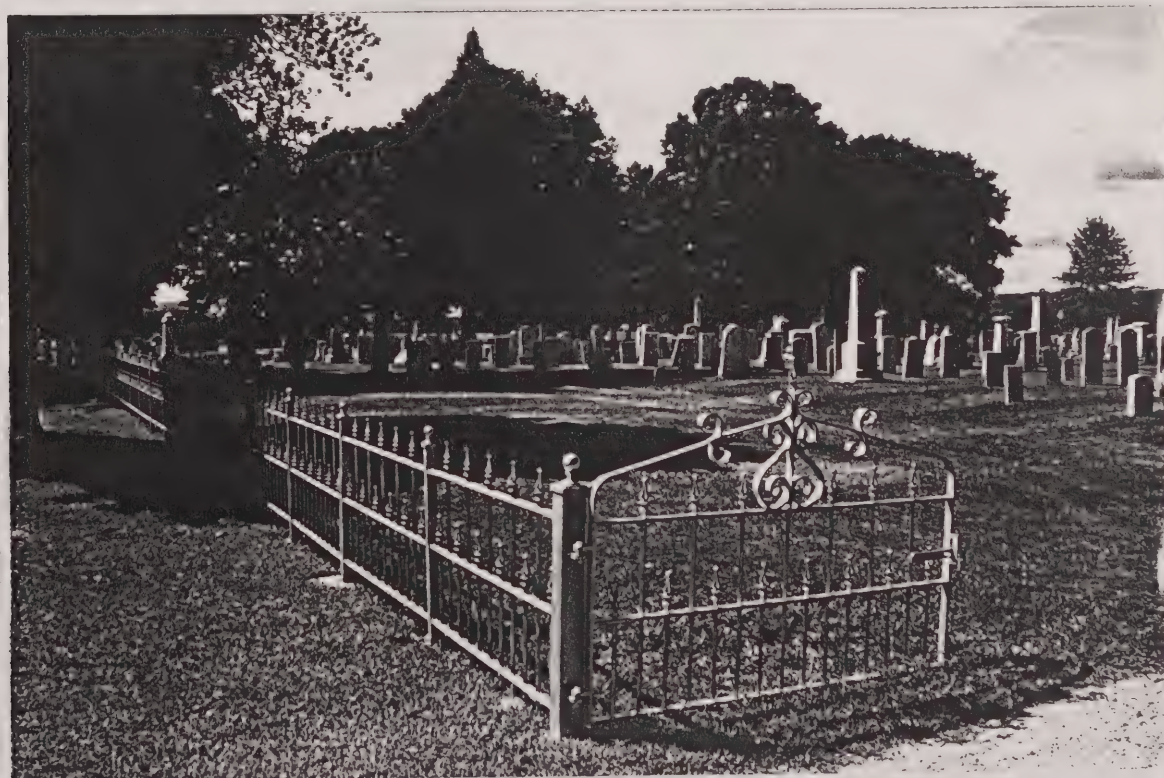
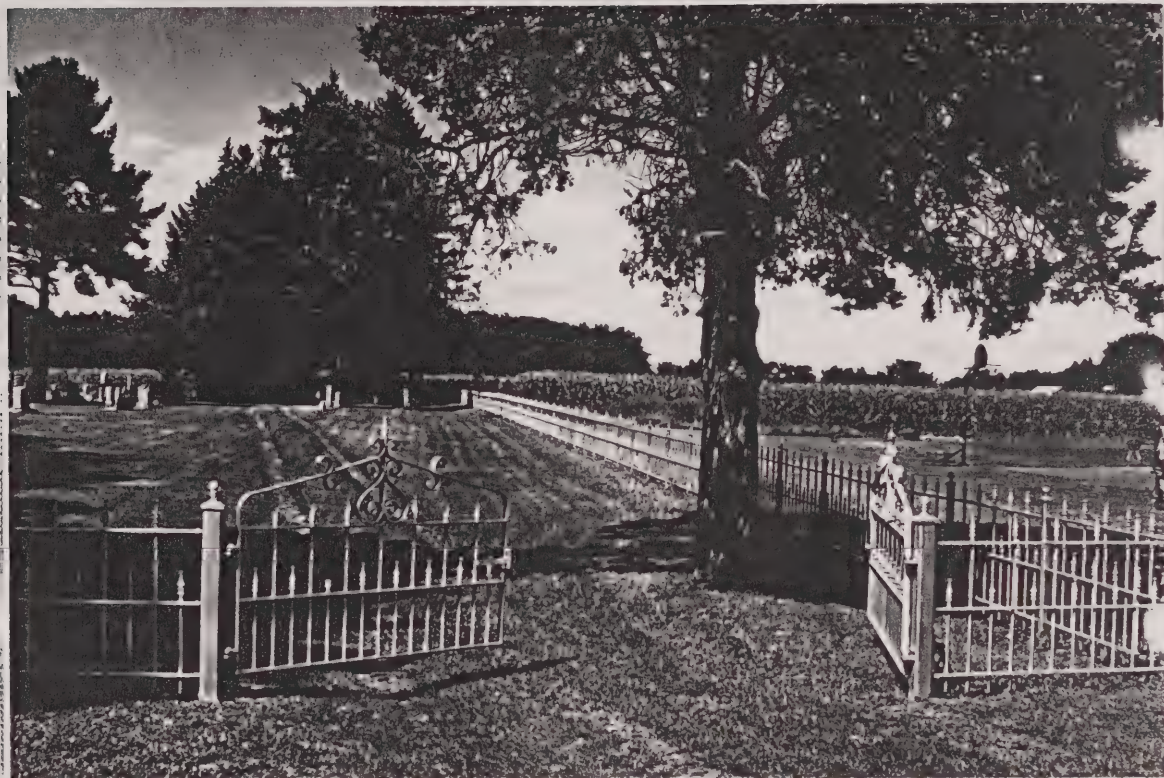
















ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR CEMETERY PROJECT  
Meeting - October 29, 1998

Committee Members include:

Michael DiCola, Historical Commission	tel. 549-4139
Edward Golding, Shade Tree Committee	tel. 586-6216
Michael Klimoski, Highway/Water Department	tel.
- Consultant	
W. Fred Oakley, Cemetery Volunteer Group	tel. 584-1756
Dennis Pipczynski, Cemetery Committee	tel.
Margaret Tudryn, Historical Commission	tel. 549-5704
George Urch, Historical Commission	tel. 549-3851

AGENDA

1. Report from Michael DiCola on trip to Boston
  - Department of Environmental Management
2. Need to hold a public meeting
  - legally advertised
3. Invitation to Katy Lacy, State Department of Environmental Management, for a Site Visit
4. Go over State and Federal Guidelines
5. Need to develop a Work Plan with a Time Frame
6. Go over the budget
7. Establish a Town Account for the money
  - check with Robin Crosbie and Patricia Shandri
8. Any other business
9. Next meeting





February 8, 1999

To: Gordon Marshall, Grant Administrator  
Dept. of Environmental Management  
Historic Landscape Preservation Grant Program  
100 Cambridge St., Room 1404  
Boston, MA 02202

Re: Amendment to Phase Two of Town of Hadley Cemetery Project by  
adding the following: (addition is underlined)

Phase Two - March, April, May, June, 1999

The documentation plan will be implemented. Gravestones will be repaired and restored, trees pruned and replaced in the Old Hadley and North Hadley Cemeteries. The fence around the perimeter of the Old Hadley Cemetery will be repaired/replaced where needed and the roads in the Cemetery will be fixed. Professional help will be obtained for a few of the gravestones and trees; material and supplies will be obtained for use by the Cemetery Volunteer Group.

Explanation:

The fence which protects the perimeter and boundaries of the Old Hadley Cemetery from abutters needs replacement on the west end and some repair on the east end. The roads which are dirt/gravel have worn down creating a large hump in the middle which poses a hazard to some vehicles. The plan is to put in gravel fill to build up the wheel tracks where wear and erosion has occurred.



# *Hadley Historical Commission*

HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

Settled in 1659



February 12, 1999

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Hadley  
Hadley, MA

Dear Selectmen:

Through the acquisition of a grant from the Department of Environmental Management's 1999 Historic Landscape Preservation Grant program, a number of actions are being taken to protect and preserve the Old Hadley and North Hadley Cemeteries. One phase of this project is directed to the gravestones in the westerly portion of the Old Hadley Cemetery. There, gravestones will be recorded, photographed and mapped as part of the initial documentation phase. Five or six gravestones destroyed or damaged by a fallen tree will be repaired or replaced with fascimiles. Many others will be cleaned and reset. The resetting of stones is necessitated by the vibration from nearby traffic. We plan to have this phase begin in the spring and end by June 1999.

While future damage from falling trees or limbs will be addressed by cutting down, trimming and pruning, future slippage of stones from their bases can only be addressed by reducing the vibrations created by traffic on Cemetery Road. Once the stones have been reset this spring, we would hope that this issue would be addressed. The Historical Commission agreed at its February 9th meeting to request that the Selectmen initiate plans to do work on Cemetery Road including shimming the surface and applying a new wear surface. With this complete, protection from future damage would take place.

Sincerely,

Margaret Tudryn, Secretary for  
the Historical Commission





HADLEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
July, 1999

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION  
for contributions to the  
Historic Cemeteries: Preservation & Restoration Project

1. Roberta Crosbie
2. Michael DiCola
3. Edward Golding
4. Michael J. Klimoski
5. Katharine Lacy
6. W. Fred Oakley, Jr.
7. Augustine (Gus) O'Grady
8. Dorothy M. Russell
9. Margaret Tudryn
10. George E. Urch



PRESS RELEASE

Contact: George Urch  
549-3851

HADLEY'S HISTORIC CEMETERIES RESTORED

The town of Hadley recently completed the restoration of its two historic cemeteries through the efforts of the Historical Commission and considerable volunteer help.

Two years ago a severe ice storm caused high limbs to break off and destroy gravestones in the Old Hadley and North Hadley Cemeteries. Some of the stones dated back to 1688. Both cemeteries are located in areas included in the National Register of Historic Places.

Volunteer help began the clean-up, but it was soon realized that money would be needed to complete the task. Toward that end the Historical Commission applied to the State's Office of Historic Resources, Department of Environmental Management for a matching grant.

The proposal was successful and a Cemetery Advisory Committee was formed to oversee the project. Composed of Michael DiCola, Edward Golding, W. Fred Oakley, Jr., Gus O'Grady, Margaret Tudryn and George Urch, the Committee organized the project into three phases. Initially both cemeteries were mapped to determine those gravestones that needed to be repaired and trees that had to be pruned or replaced. The second phase used the maps to repair gravestones and prune and replace trees. The final phase documented each gravestone and developed a master map of both cemeteries.

Hadley takes pride in its historical tradition. Settled in 1659, the town recently issued its 339th Annual Report. The restored cemeteries are viewed as historic resources that help to inform present and future generations of the historic past and the town's contribution to the development of New England.







JERREY ROBERTS

Fred Oakley, left, speaks during a tour of the old Hadley cemetery. Here he offers information about a historic tombstone that was replaced after it was destroyed by a falling tree.

## Hadley cemetery tour tells stories

By STACEY SHACKFORD  
Staff Writer

**HADLEY** — There are more than 776 tombstones bearing 1,000 names in the ancient section of the Old Hadley Cemetery on Cemetery Road, and each one tells a story, says cemetery expert W. Fred Oakley Jr.

On July 14, Oakley and his wife Rosalie led two tour groups totaling approximately 60 people through the northwestern corner of the cemetery. The objectives were to introduce area residents to their ancestors, point out the variety of stone types and carvings, and relate the history of the cemetery and recent restoration efforts there.

Oakley, 74, of Hadley Place, a retired manager for the New England Telephone Co., is a member of the Association of Graveyard Studies.

Armed with a flashlight, mirror and spray-bottle of water to make the engravings more legible, Oakley paused at the 1809 gravestone of Ishmael Pratt. The only known African-American slave buried in the cemetery, Pratt

worked in the house of the second minister of the First Congregational Church, Oakley said.

He told the story of John Westcott, a medical doctor convicted of selling illegal alcohol to American Indians early in the 19th century, and stopped at the memorial boulder stone of Nathaniel Dickinson, Emily's great-great-great-grandfather and one of the early settlers of Hadley.

While the tour focused primarily on the life stories of those buried at the site, Oakley also related the troubled history of the cemetery itself. He told how a flood in 1936, the most recent of three recorded floods in town history, toppled and moved many stones, covering the area in three feet of silt that took three months to dig out.

In the more recent past, a severe ice storm in March 1997 caused tree limbs to break off and fall, destroying a number of gravestones, some dating back to 1688.

Oakley became familiar with the history of the cemetery and its gravestones when he and other volunteers began cleanup and repair work shortly after the 1997 storm.

Since then, the Historical Com-

mission has received a \$28,000 state grant — matched with \$22,000 from the town's cemetery perpetual care and maintenance fund — to preserve the Old Hadley and North Hadley cemeteries.

The grant, awarded through the state Department of Environmental Management's Historical Landscape Preservation Grant program, was used to help pay for tree removal and replanting, road repair, fence replacement, and gravestone mapping, documentation and repairs, which Oakley had a hand in.

As part of the restoration project, some crumbling gravestones were reset in granite. One stone was replaced with a granite marker featuring a photographic tile of the stone, before it was ruined by a fallen tree, embedded in the center.

Oakley said the physical restoration began in May, and the grant required that work be completed by June 30, giving him little more than a month to complete the restoration and recording process. "It's been an arduous project," he said.

His wife Rosalie, who has been

president of the gravestone association and was its executive director from 1984 to 1991, had the task of recording gravestone data and photographs in five thick binders.

Copies of that data and stone location maps will be available in Town Hall. Oakley says he hopes that some day laminated maps will also be installed on kiosks at the cemeteries.

Oakley said the large turnout at the July 14 tour reflects great public interest in the two historic cemeteries. He said the town gets approximately two or three phone calls a week from people trying to locate gravestones.

Twelve-year-old Scott Rule of Leeds attended the tour with his grandfather, Edward Pira, of Rocky Hill Road.

"I'm sort of into this stuff," Scott said. "I come here and do grave rubbings sometimes. It's just really interesting how old they can be."

Hermaine Randall, of Pope's Way, who moved to Hadley in 1980, said she took the tour because she was interested in learning about the history of the cemetery. "I just bought a grave lot for myself," she said, "so I thought we'd take a little tour."





Date: November 25, 1998

PAGE 1

From: Hadley Shade Tree Committee

To: Hadley Historical Commission

Subject: Recommendations for tree planting, pruning and removal at Old Hadley Cemetery.

**Please note that the Shade Tree Committee is proposing the elements of this plan as a package. We do not support extensive tree pruning and removal unless appropriate new plantings are made at the same time.**

I. Twelve Hardwoods to be planted at locations identified by stakes:

1 white oak. 3 red oak. 3 sugar maple. 5 red maple.

II. Pruning & Removal:

Our recommendations are based on the metal numbering tags already in place on the trees. #2, up-branch, prune. #3 lo priority remove or cable & deadwood. #4 remove. #5 up-branch. #6 up-branch. #7 prune competing leader and lower dead wood. #8 up-branch. #9 lo priority remove. #10 up-branch, structural prune and cable. #11 up-branch, remove East leader to main crotch. #12 remove. #13 remove. #14 remove. #15 lo priority remove. #16 lo priority remove. #17 up-branch, cut lower deadwood. #18 lo priority prune lower branches. #19 remove(hi priority). #20 up-branch, structural prune, short cable. #21 up-branch. #22 up-branch. #23 up-branch, remove 1st and 2nd whorl. #24 lo priority remove. #25 remove. #26 up-branch. #27 lo priority remove. #28 up-branch, structural prune. #29 lo priority remove. #30 structural pruning. #31 up-branch, remove South leader of three. #32 up-branch over road. #33 up-branch. #34 cable. #35 structural prune, remove leader and tie. #36 remove. #37 up-branch & structural prune. #38 remove North stub and South leader ca. 10' off ground. #39 structural prune. #40 remove South leader. #41 ok. #42 structural prune. #43 up-branch on East side, structural prune to balance crown. #44 raise crown, remove North leader 10' up. #45 raise crown, prune lower deadwood. #46 lo priority remove, or up-branch. #47 raise crown. #48 up-branch, prune lower deadwood and competing leader. #49 up-branch, remove deadwood. #50 up-branch. #51 up-branch and cable. #52 ? #53 up-branch, prune lower leader. #54 up-branch and cable. #55 ok. #56 ? #57 up-branch. #58 up-branch. #59 up-branch, lower deadwood and cable. #60 remove East sub-leader. #61 ok. #62 ok. #63 raise skirt. #64 up-branch, give clearance to cedar. #65 up-branch, remove central leader.

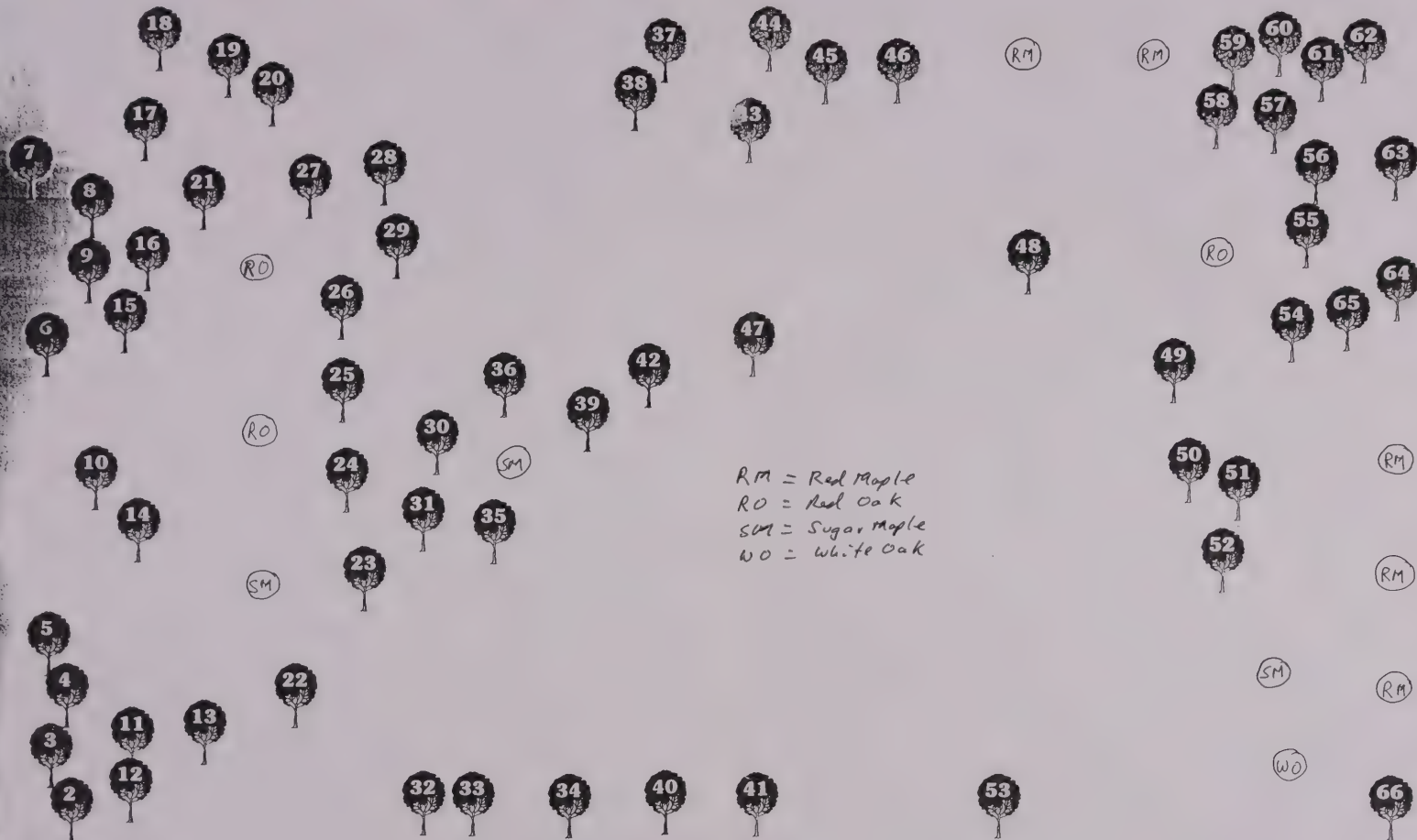
Remove: # 4, 12 & 19

Consider Removing: # 3, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 24, 25, 27, 29, 36, 46

Prune: See other numbers in list, above.







# Cemetery Road

E.L. Golding + D. Wanner Fall 1998

Hartley Shade Tree Committee

Map - Location of Trees in the Cemetery



Date: November 25, 1998

PAGE 2

From: Hadley Shade Tree Committee

To: Hadley Historical Commission

Subject: Recommendations for tree planting, pruning and removal, North Hadley Cemetery.

**Please note that the Shade Tree Committee is proposing the elements of this plan as a package. We do not support extensive tree pruning and removal unless appropriate new plantings are made at the same time.**

I. Seven Hardwoods to be planted at locations identified by stakes:

1 white oak. 1 red oak. 2 sugar maple. 3 red maple.

II. Pruning & Removal:

Our recommendations are based on the numbered flags or permanent marking tags in place on the trees. #1 ok. #2 ok. #3 remove. #4 up-branch. #5 remove(lightning damaged Norway Spruce). #6 remove. #7 up-branch. #8 ok. #9 ok. #10 ok. #11 DPW prune. #12 DPW remove. #13 up-branch. #14 up-branch. #15 up-branch, structural prune and cable. #16 up-branch. #17 up-branch. #18 up-branch. #19 up-branch, remove lower leader. #20 up-branch, short cable. #21 up-branch, thin crown, deadwood. #22 up-branch, remove stub West side. #23 up-branch. #24 up-branch. #25 up-branch and deadwood, two cables. #26 cable, remove two lower leaders from North side. #27 up-branch, thin crown. #28 ok. #29 prune lower stubs and lightning damage. #30 ok. #31 (tall stump) remove. #32 thin crown. #33 up-branch. #34 up-branch. #35(3-trunk cedar) 3 cables. #36 lower deadwood. #37 up-branch, remove stubs. #38 up-branch, lower dead wood. #39 ok. #40 ok.

Remove: # 5, 31

Consider Removing: # 3, 6, 12

Prune: See other numbers in list, above.





R.M. = Red Maple

S.M. = Sugar Maple

W.O. = White Oak

R.O. = Red Oak

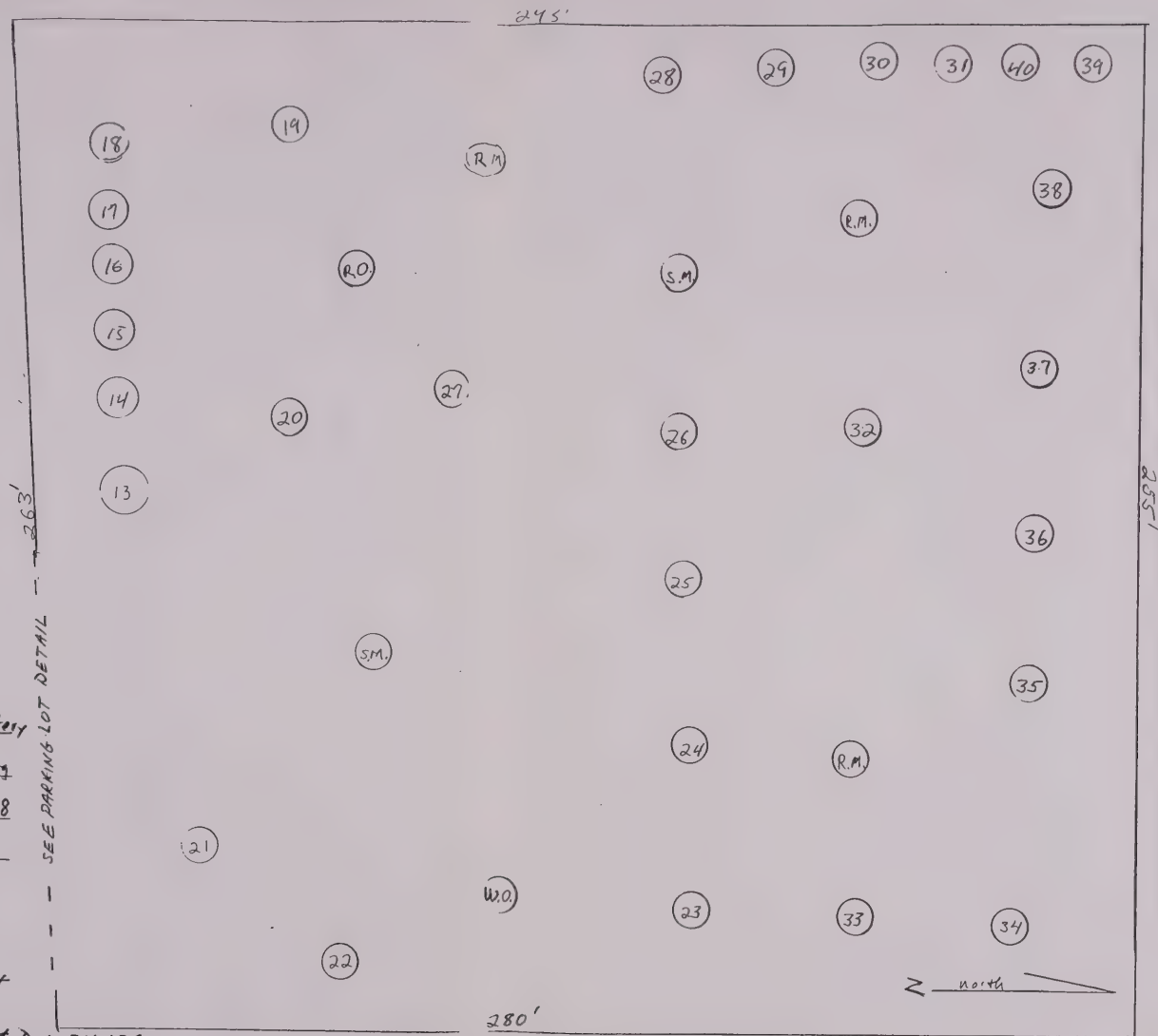
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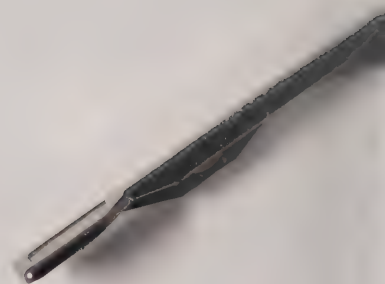
Trees and Planting

Sites - Fall 1998

1 millimeter = 1 foot

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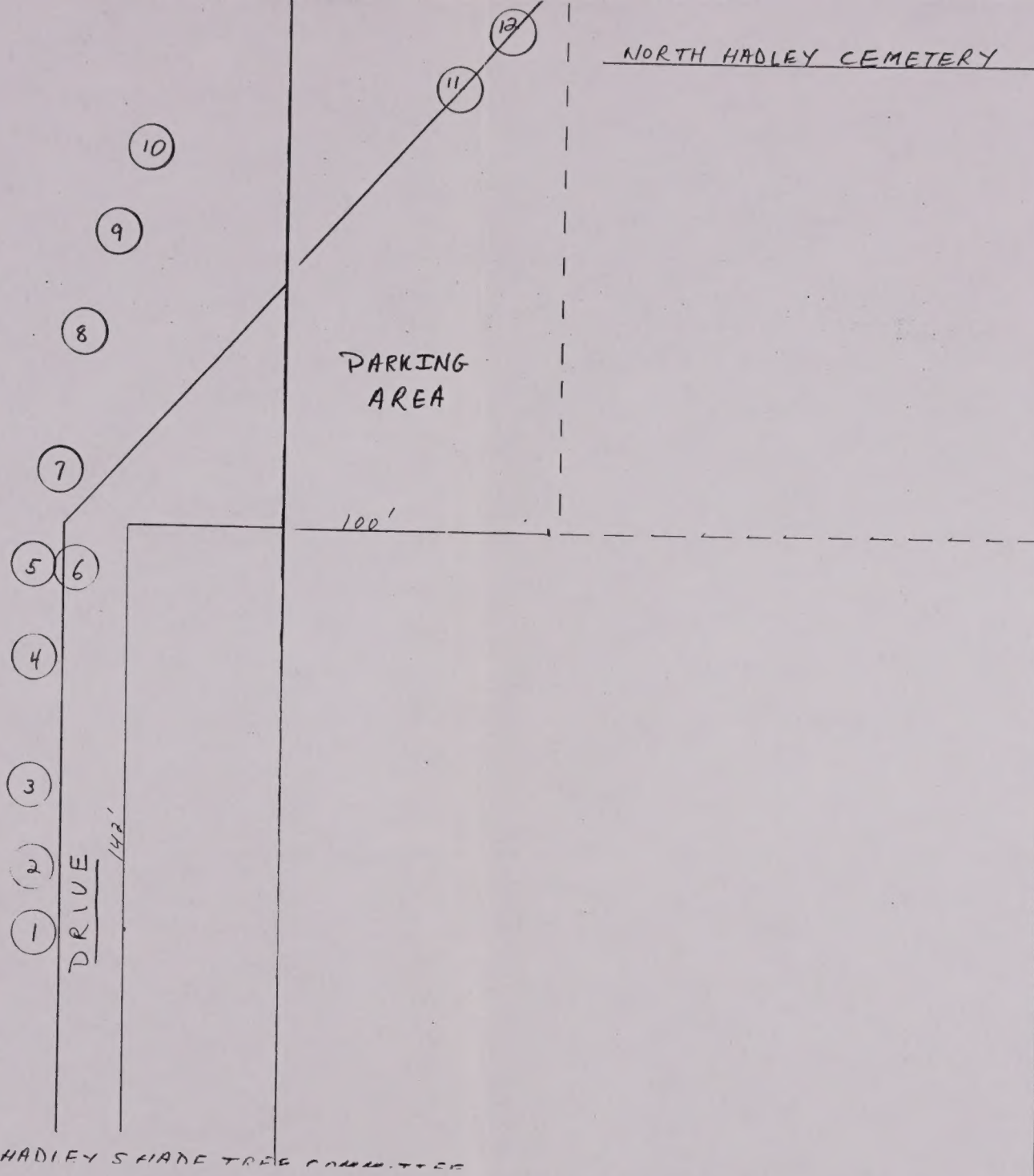




North Hadley Cemetery -  
Parking Lot Detail  
Fall 1998

1 millimeter = 1 foot

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